



Docket No.: 43890-552

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Shunji IMAI, et al.

Application No.: 09/986,975

Filed: November 13, 2001

For: WASHING APPARATUS AND METHOD OF WASHING LAUNDRY

: Customer Number: 20277  
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: Confirmation Number: 6015  
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: Group Art Unit: 1746  
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: Examiner: Joseph L. Perrin  
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated August 1, 2005 and the final Office Action dated May 3, 2005, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 3, 2005, and the petition for a one-month extension of time up to and including September 3, 2005 being filed concurrently herewith, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendment and remarks.